Shortage of vehicles etc. in New Delhi District

789. SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some of the police stations in New Delhi District are facing acute shortage of vehicles and are in need of sophisticated fire arms, vehicles and bullet-proof jackets;

(b) whether it is also a fact that since some of the most sensitive Government installations of the country are based in this District which has a number of VVIPs living there, the threat perception in the District is more and

(c) if so, what action is being taken by Government and details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI HARIN PATHAK): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The arrangement made for security of this high security area is closely monitored to ensure that any terrorist threat to life and property is effectively countered and eliminated.

Training to lower level jail staff

790. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that institutions for imparting professionally structured training to lower level jail staff do not exist in adequate number, thus adversely effecting the reform process amongst the prisoners; and

(b) if so, whether Government are thinking of issuing suitable comprehensive guidelines and giving financial support to State Governments in this regard with a view to reforming the jail inmates which may ultimately lead to lowering of crime rate?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) The question does not arise.